

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. *(Currently Amended)* A Christmas tree watering system for supplying water to a water receptacle of a Christmas tree stand supporting a Christmas tree, the system comprising:

a water reservoir comprising a container having a bottom outlet, said bottom outlet being the only opening into and out of said water reservoir;

means for securing said water reservoir to the Christmas tree;

a conduit extending from said water reservoir to the water receptacle, the conduit having an upper end connected to said bottom outlet of said water reservoir and a lower end; and

means for securing said lower end of said conduit to the trunk of the Christmas tree;

whereby, when said watering system is secured to a Christmas tree, with said Christmas tree trunk and said conduit lower end located in said water receptacle, water in said reservoir will flow down the conduit and into the water receptacle when the water level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of said conduit and until the water level within the water receptacle reaches the level of the lower end of said conduit;

wherein when the water level in said water receptacle reaches said lower end of said conduit the water in the water receptacle creates a seal around the lower end of said conduit, which prevents air from flowing to the reservoir and creates a vacuum in said reservoir, said vacuum stopping the flow of water from said reservoir; and

wherein water will be delivered from said water reservoir to said water receptacle on an as need basis, only when the water level in the water receptacle is below the lower end of the conduit.

Claim 2. *(Currently Amended)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, further comprising a support loop formed in a top end of said water reservoir, said means for securing said water reservoir comprising a hook extending from the support loop formed in a top end of said water reservoir.

Claim 3. *(Original)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, further comprising a support loop formed in said water reservoir, said means for securing said water reservoir comprising a strip of hook and loop fastening material extending from the support loop in said water reservoir.

Claim 4. *(Original)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing the lower end of said conduit to the trunk of the Christmas tree comprises a strip of hook and loop fastening material.

Claim 5. *(Original)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, wherein said water reservoir and said conduit are constructed of plastic.

Claim 6. *(Currently Amended)* The Christmas tree watering system according to claim 1, wherein the lower end of said conduit is rigid, whereby when pressure is applied to the lower end, the lower end remains ~~patent~~ open and uncollapsed.